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## Mail call

Postal technicians Senior Airman Sarah Oliver (left) and Airman 1st Class Jennifer Anderson (right) unload mail at the newly relocated Postal Service Center in Kuwait. Postal troops moved the PSC to a tent last week. The new location serves 3,000 coalition troops stationed there. Airman Anderson is deployed from the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron here. (Photo by Staff Sgt. William Farrow)



# General Jumper visits AFPC for firsthand look

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

The Air Force chief of staff visited the Air Force Personnel Center here Jan. 31 where he discussed personnel matters and received a firsthand look at innovations designed to meet the needs of the total force.

Gen. John Jumper's visit coincided with his trip to Randolph Air Force Base for Blue Summit 2005. The summit offers the general the opportunity to meet with Air Force general officers and senior executive service civilians for guidance and discussion about current issues.

Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander, escorted General Jumper throughout the personnel center where he received updates on personnel programs.

"It's an honor to discuss personnel matters



Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper listens to Julie Schlip, Air Force Personnel Contact Center agent, as she provides information about the Air Force to a caller during his visit to the Air Force Personnel Center Jan. 31. The center provides worldwide around-the-clock personnel guidance. (Photo by Melissa Peterson)

with General Jumper and offer him an on-site glimpse into the outstanding contributions our personnelists are making to the Air

Force's war fighting capability on a daily basis," said General Przybyslawski.

General Jumper concluded his tour at the

Air Force Personnel Contact Center where he fielded a couple of telephone calls from customers.

"Much of the reputation and feelings our people have about the Air Force comes from those times when they have problems and call here needing help," he said. "Along with this call center capability, I saw some of the technology available through Web-based applications that will further improve our information delivery services and provide Airmen the information they need in a fraction of the time it used to take. You all continue to provide service to our Airmen on the front line in a friendly and forthcoming manner when they need the help, and I appreciate that very much."

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# AETC announces '05, '06 family days

Gen. Don Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, announced Feb. 3 the days people in the command will have off as AETC Family Days in 2005 and 2006.

Dates for 2005 are July 1, Nov. 25, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30. Family days in 2006 are July 3, Nov. 24, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

These family days give military members a four-day weekend for the 2005-2006 Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

In his announcement, the general said he declared the family days based on "the many tremendous accomplishments" and "all the sacrifices and hard work made by AETC personnel."

Commanders and supervisors should ensure they follow the guidelines in Air Force Instruction 36-2003, Military Leave Program, regarding passes and chargeable leave, the general's announcement stated.

Gen. Cook encouraged commanders to grant compensatory time off, mission requirements permitting, the first week following the holidays for military members who must work on a family day.

Under current rules for Department of Defense civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use of previously earned compensatory time or use of already approved time off, according to the announcement.

Group time-off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are prohibited by AFI 36-1004, Managing the Civilian Recognition Program. Specifically, paragraph 3.3.7 states, "Time-off awards shall not be granted to create the effect of a holiday or treated as administrative excuse or leave."

"During your holiday activities, please think safety first," General Cook said. "Use common sense, drive defensively and wear your seat belts. Commanders and supervisors must provide a safety briefing to their personnel to ensure they understand that risk management should be used on and off duty."

## 12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS	563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
99th FTS	-1.0	-0.1	Air Force	291	Undergraduate	44	T-1A	4063.9	3955.8	12,184
558th FTS	0.0	0.8	Navy	79	International	0	T-6A	5728.0	5677.2	17,290
559th FTS	-2.6	-3.2	International	0	EWC Course	7	T-37B	3049.9	3046.2	8,284
560th FTS	-0.6	-1.3	NIFT	25	Fundamentals	0	T-38C	3241.1	3294.8	9,729
							T-43	1428.3	1415.7	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

## AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

**Col. John Hesterman**  
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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# View from the top: *Changing the education mindset*

**By Gen. John Jumper**  
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON – Over the past few years, we have initiated a number of educational initiatives for force development, focusing on changing the way we develop and train our people to meet the challenges of the expeditionary Air Force. Force development takes a deliberate approach to providing Airmen the training and experience they need to succeed in delivering air and space power now and in the future. We must make sure Airmen get the training and education required for their specialty or area of expertise. If you need additional education or training – you will get it.

This mindset is a significant change, especially for officers. For years, master's degrees had a significant impact on promotion

potential. This must change – our focus should be on deliberate development and not “square filling.” Education must be tailored to benefit Airmen in doing their jobs. Promotion is, and will continue to be, determined by your performance and demonstrated leadership potential to serve in the next higher grade.

Beginning in January, we will remove all academic education information, including bachelor's degrees, from all Line of the Air Force and Judge Advocate General promotion boards through the rank of colonel. The Guard and Reserve components will implement the same procedures beginning with boards convening after Jan. 1, 2006.

All Airmen should receive some form of development to assist them in their duties in

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higher grades and levels of responsibility. We will provide the right development venues to meet both Airmen and Air Force needs. At the same time, I'm not discouraging you from pursuing an advanced academic degree on your own. We will continue to offer tuition assistance and operate educational support offices at each base. Advanced academic degrees will no longer be a factor in the promotion

process – at any level of the process: rater, senior rater, management-level or the promotion board. The Air Force's emphasis is on job performance and for providing Airmen the right opportunities for advanced education when it is required.

This new policy will not affect chaplain and health profession officers. Due to certification requirements, we need to continue showing academic information for these officers.

The goal is clear – develop professional Airmen who will collectively leverage their respective strengths to accomplish the Air Force mission. You make our Air Force the best in the world. We owe it to you to provide the skills and education you need to continue to excel!

## Tuskegee Airmen excelled in Army Air Corps

**By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

SPANGDAHLE AIR BASE, Germany – Today's Air Force family is a mighty quilt that unites servicemembers of all races, religions, nationalities and creeds around the globe.

Our uniforms look alike, but the plurality of those who wear them is rich in culture and history.

This thought made me want to learn a little more about the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of determined men who enlisted to become the United States' first black military Airmen.

The unwavering resolve of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II arose during an era when many people found themselves engaged in another “war” on American soil over segregation and racial equality.

Nonetheless, the Tuskegee Airmen, hailing from various parts of America, strove to become pilots or master other aspects of aviation.

I wondered how such a group, many of

whom still had to drink from “colored” water fountains, got such important and necessary training to promote their social and professional advancement.

At the urging of black leaders and the black press, the Army Air Corps began a special project to integrate black pilots into the fighter pilot program. The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941 at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Ala. and its pilots trained to fly single- and multi-engine aircraft.

The nine-month training began with just 13 Airmen in the first class. One of the graduates was Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., a West Point Academy graduate. Four other students were commissioned second lieutenants, and five students received Army Air Corps silver pilot wings.

Between 1942 and 1946, 992 pilots graduated from Tuskegee and received commissions and pilot wings. Black navigators, bombardiers and gunnery crews were trained at other bases in the United States.

Soon, hundreds of black Airmen became college graduates or undergraduates by way of the military, and others qualified through comprehensive entrance examinations.

According to the National Home of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Web site, “no standards were lowered for the pilots or any of the others who trained in operations, meteorology, intelligence, engineering, medicine or any of the other officer fields.”

Enlisted members received training in a variety of fields – aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers, control tower operators, policemen, administrative clerks and many other specialties necessary for full operability as an Army Air Corp flying squadron or ground support unit.

The Tuskegee Airmen prepared to fight, fought to win and took care of each other in the face of adversity. I am grateful for the service of these Airmen, just as I am grateful for the service of all military men and women who fight for freedom, democracy and equality each day.

## Congratulations Retirees

**Today**

**Lt. Col. Michael Maher**  
Advanced Instrument School

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# State of AETC

## Commander discusses mission impact on global operations

By 2nd Lt. Sheila Johnston  
47th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

FORT WORTH, Texas – The commander of Air Education and Training Command laid out the state of AETC, how its mission contributes to international operations and how it takes care of its people at an Air Force Association dinner Jan. 29 in Fort Worth, Texas.

With many Airmen deployed from across the Air Force, Gen. Don Cook explained how the command’s Airmen and those who have attended AETC training programs are contributing to current operations around the globe.

AETC is working to provide necessary systems and people who will ensure sustained victory against threats at home and abroad, General Cook said. “Our primary mission is to sustain the combat capability of our Air Force by producing mission-ready expeditionary-minded Airmen.”

General Cook said AETC will continue to replenish an air and space force that can simultaneously preserve the United States’ homeland and defeat enemies overseas.

“In just our flying courses alone we train approximately 20,000 aircrew (members) every year, each of whom goes on to make significant contributions to our nation’s defense,” General Cook said.

Locally, this number includes more than 1,900 aviators trained as pilot instructors, navigators and electronic warfare officers and graduates of advanced instrumental training in the 12th Flying Training Wing in fiscal 2004 at Randolph.

The general also talked about other types of training.

“Each year, we graduate about 480 (military) working dogs that are then deployed across the globe to aid in explosives and drug detection, as well as search, rescue and recovery efforts,” he said. “On any given day, we have approximately 200 dog teams serving in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and 360 teams serving at over 80 airports

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Gen. Don Cook  
Commander of Air Education and Training Command

throughout the country.”

In addition to training, General Cook spoke about the modernization of Air Force aircraft and equipment.

“In AETC, we are taking vital steps to implement modernization efforts with programs like the F/A-22 and C-130J... while we also convert our fleet of pilot-training airplanes with the T-6A Texan II and the T-38C,” he said. He went on to explain how the T-38, despite being 40 years old, is its own replacement.

“That’s because over the last several years, we’ve modernized this superb trainer, and it will now last us for another 20 years,” General Cook said.

To explain the total-force concept, General Cook talked about the integration of Reserve and Guard components with active-duty units and training.

“In AETC, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces are woven into nearly every aspect of our day-to-day operations, and

we couldn’t get the job done without them,” he said.

At undergraduate pilot training units, the instructor force is augmented by a large component of full and part-time reservists. In fact, more than 350 Reserve instructor pilots are assigned to five pilot training bases, the general said.

General Cook also spoke about the importance of taking care of Airmen to support and sustain a well-integrated force.

“We know that we place great demands on our Airmen,” he said. “Our increased operations tempo and deployment cycles take a heavy toll on the Airmen who are deployed and the families and co-workers who are left behind.”

This is why the “Wingman Mindset” is so important. It keeps people focused on taking care of one another, he said.

The “Wingman Mindset” uses the “Four Dimensions of Human Wellness” as the model ensuring Airmen attend to their physical, emotional, social and spiritual anchors.

“We encourage our Airmen to attend to these anchors in order to maintain a healthy balance in their lives,” he said. “But, we are not only concerned about the well-being of our forward deployed air-warriors. We’re also attentive to the needs of the Air Force families that remain behind.”

Traditionally, with more deployed members than any other base in the command, he explained how Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio has a “Wingman Program” where families of deployed members are matched up with co-workers to ensure the family has a point of contact to get timely information and support while their loved one is away.

“The ‘Wingman Program’ is just one of many examples that demonstrate our concern for our people,” he said. “We will continue to build upon these initiatives to help us sustain a high-quality force for the foreseeable future.”

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

# Base schedules National Prayer Breakfast

## Annual event focuses on spiritual foundation of individuals, nation

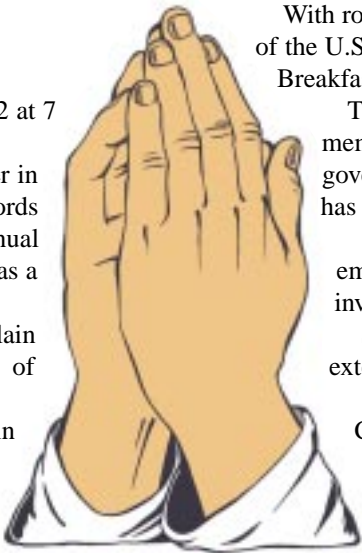
By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Randolph’s annual observance of the National Prayer Breakfast is Feb. 22 at 7 a.m. in the enlisted club.

“The prayer breakfast is a great time for our community to come together in unison, invoke God’s blessing through prayer, and be encouraged by the words of our keynote speaker,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Terry Fox. “This is an annual event that redirects our focus to our spiritual foundation as individuals and as a nation.”

This year’s keynote speaker is the Former Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Retired Maj. Gen.) Lorraine Potter. She will be speaking on the topic of “Where Is God?”

According to base chapel officials, the first prayer breakfast was initiated in 1942 by the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Since then, those groups have continued their weekly meetings to discuss individual daily spiritual needs and the dependency of the country on God.



With roots in the congregational prayer breakfasts of the decade before, members of the U.S. Senate and House prayer groups established the first Presidential Prayer Breakfast in 1953 with President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The breakfast is normally attended by the president, vice president, cabinet, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Supreme Court, government officials, military leaders and others from across the country. It has taken place annually since 1953.

In 1970, the name was changed to the National Prayer Breakfast to emphasize the purpose of gathering rather than emphasizing the individuals involved.

Since 1972, the military has been holding their own observance as an extension of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

“The prayer breakfast is a tradition throughout the Air Force,” said Chaplain Fox. “Everyone is welcome to attend.”

Tickets are available through the chapel for \$5. Breakfast choices are a fruit plate or a traditional breakfast meal.

For more information, call 652-6121.

### COMMANDER CONNECTION

*This column introduces new unit commanders to the base community.*



Commander Tim Duening, USN  
562nd Flying Training Squadron commander

- **Date of command:** Today
  - **562nd mission:** The 562nd Flying Training Squadron conducts the Department of Defense’s only Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training program for heavy panel and maritime navigators. The unit provides academic, simulator and flight training to Air Force, Navy, Air Reserve component and international students leading to the aeronautical rating of navigator or naval flight officer.
  - **Key to success in the Air Force:** “Do an exchange tour in a Navy command.”
  - **Hometown:** Eagle River, Wis.
- **Vision for the unit:** “Continue to provide Air Force commands and Navy fleets the finest aviators we can possibly produce. My vision also includes close mentorship and development of junior officers to prepare them for leadership.”
  - **Previous assignments:** Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan  
Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Wash.  
Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif.
  - **Most memorable military experience:** Returning home after a 6-month deployment.



# Wing announces annual winners

**By Michael Briggs**  
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Flying Training Wing honored its top performers of 2004 during an evening awards banquet Feb. 3 in the enlisted club.

Thirty-one people competed in seven categories that recognize accomplishments from the previous year.

The winners now go up against the top performers from base tenant units in the Team Randolph awards competition. Those winners will be announced during a banquet March 3.

Airman of the year is Senior Airman Germaine Jamerson of the 12th Operations Support Squadron. An air traffic controller from Houston, Airman Jamerson successfully recovered 14 aircraft unexpectedly diverted to Randolph, eight of which had minimum fuel. He was previously named Team Randolph airman of the quarter for the third quarter of 2004.

Tech. Sgt. Chad Wittnebel of the 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron is the wing NCO of the year. His innovative vehicle maintenance planning led to a rate of 0.3 percent for vehicles down for deferred maintenance. This was the lowest rate in unit history. Sergeant Wittnebel, from Marietta, Minn., also identified a contractor error on a defective bus engine that earned the unit a \$13,000 reimbursement.

Master Sgt. Grace Davis is the senior NCO of the year. A vehicle operations chief dispatcher from Danbury, Texas, she provided vehicle and cargo support for Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom while deployed to the 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron in Kuwait. At home station in the 12th LRS, she led the daily production of 60 military and civilian personnel, and planned and executed ground transportation.

Wing executive officer Capt. Scott Thompson from Rochester, Minn., is the company grade officer of the year. He was responsible for the coordination of 1,576 performance reports, decorations and staff packages submitted for wing commander approval. In his previous duty in 2004 as



**Senior Airman Germaine Jamerson**  
Airman of the Year



**Tech. Sgt. Chad Wittnebel**  
NCO of the Year



**Master Sgt. Grace Davis**  
Senior NCO of the Year

chief of the primary flying training section for the Air Education and Training Command Comptroller, he lobbied to obtain \$42.6 million in air staff funding for C-17 engine contract logistics support. This alleviated a maintenance shortfall and ensured training for 682 pilots and 260 loadmasters could be completed on time.

Doug Ouellette of the 12th Services Division is the junior civilian of the year. The native of San Antonio was picked this past year to temporarily fill a facility manager position responsible for budgets of \$100,000 in appropriated funds and \$130,000 in non-appropriated funds.

The intermediate civilian of the year from Kosciusko, Texas, is Greg Jaskinia of the 12th FTW Legal Office. As the installation volunteer income tax assistance program administrator, he facilitated the handling, processing and electronic filing of more than 2,000 federal income tax returns in 2004. His work saved more than \$270,000 in preparation fees and led to \$2.8 million in tax refunds for members and their families. He also arranged 18 juvenile misconduct board hearings that gave Randolph youth offenders a chance to reform without creating a criminal record.

From Trotwood, Ohio, the wing's senior



**Capt. Scott Thompson**  
Company Grade Officer of the Year



**Doug Ouellette**  
Junior Civilian of the Year



**Greg Jaskinia**  
Intermediate Civilian of the Year



**Sharon McDaniel**  
Senior Civilian of the Year

civilian of the year is Sharon McDaniel, chief of 12th FTW Protocol. In 2004, she was picked as the wing's Air Force Association Charlotte and Carlton Loos Award recipient for her leadership and dedication to mission accomplishment. She was also appointed co-chair for the first Air Force Blue Summit recently held in San Antonio. In that position, she arranged wing logistics and support for the Air Force chief of staff workshop with senior military and civilian leaders.

## AFMA honors 2004 award winners

**By Richard Salomon**  
Air Force Manpower Agency  
Public Affairs

The Air Force Manpower Agency honored their outstanding individuals Feb. 2 at its annual awards luncheon at the officers club.

"This recognition highlights our nominees' commitment to excellence and their potential as future leaders of our Air Force," said Ruby Manen, AFMA's acting director. "We work for solutions to issues that have a positive impact Air Force-wide and are important to our senior leaders. I congratulate all of our folks on their accomplishments and successes this past year."

Capt. John Vyhldal was honored as company grade officer of the year. Captain Vyhldal's standout efforts in 2004 included leading an initiative to centralize manpower requirements determination across the Air Force. He diplomatically solved every critical major command manpower issue and won vital major command manpower and organization support that helped consolidate authorizations from MAJCOMs and wings into four new manpower requirements squadrons.

AFMA's senior NCO of the year, Master Sgt. Mary Poppe, was chosen to conduct a management advisory study for the U.S. Special Operations Command's comp-



**Capt. John Vyhldal**  
Company Grade Officer of the Year



**Master Sgt. Mary Poppe**  
Senior NCO of the Year



**Tech. Sgt. Donald Tyus**  
NCO of the Year



**Doug Hendrix**  
Senior Civilian of the Year



**Michael Schmitz**  
Intermediate Civilian of the Year

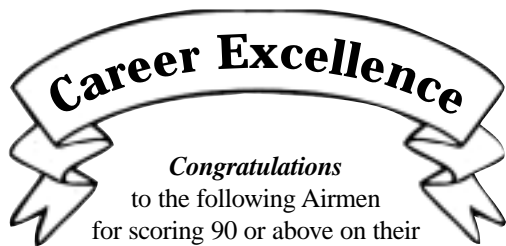


**Tracy King**  
Junior Civilian of the Year

troller and was lauded for her review of its \$6.7 billion obligation spending authority. As a subject-matter expert for the 2004 Manpower Utilization Training Workshop, she developed a plan for three formal classes.

In 2004, NCO of the year, Tech. Sgt. Donald Tyus helped develop the Air Force

Grades Allocation tool, which laid the groundwork for the allocation of more than 352,000 officer and enlisted grades. This tool is used by all Air Force commands and career field managers to oversee their manpower resources. He also provided



Airman 1st Class Sean Barrett, 97  
12th Mission Support Group

Senior Airman Herbert Fritz, 90  
Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Main gate traffic change

Base civil engineering officials said traffic flow at the Randolph main gate will be affected as a temporary gatehouse is built in preparation for demolition of the existing gatehouse.

Starting Feb. 21, there will only be one lane open from Pat Booker Road coming onto the base. After the first traffic island, all traffic will be diverted left (east lanes) where ID's are checked. Traffic will return to the right (west lanes) at the current 1st Avenue crossover.

Afternoon outbound Harmon Drive traffic will merge into one lane as it approaches the gatehouse construction area and return to two lanes after the construction site. Traffic hours remain unchanged: inbound 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., closed 1:30-3 p.m. and outbound 3-6 p.m.

#### Income tax and W-2 Forms

Employers are required to furnish employees with a W2 form for use in filing their federal income tax returns no later than Jan. 31. Mailed forms may take a few days to arrive.

If the form does not arrive, contact the employer to find out if or when the W2 was mailed. It may have been returned if the mailing address was incorrect. After contacting the employer, allow reasonable time for the form to arrive.

If the W2 form is still not available by Feb.15, contact the IRS for assistance at 1-800-829-1040. Employers may charge for issuing a replacement for a lost form. There is also the option of using Form 4852, substitute for the W2 form, but it will delay any refund while information is verified.

Tax returns must be filed by April 15, although there are options for requesting delayed filing.

Forms are available at the IRS Web site, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), in the forms and publications section or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.

#### Open seasons ends for savings plan

April 15 through June 30 is the final open season for participation in the Thrift Savings Plan.

After that time, contributions can be changed at any time, but won't take effect until the first full pay period after they are filed. Participants can still file their contribution elections with their services or agencies.

For more information, visit the TSP Web site at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) or e-mail questions to [finance.callcenter@randolph.af.mil](mailto:finance.callcenter@randolph.af.mil).

#### Electrical service upgrade

Beginning Monday through March 2, the main electrical service to the base will be re-routed into the new main switching station.

The contractor does not anticipate any loss of power during the change over, but there is always the possibility of power loss when splices are made to existing cables.

For more information, contact Bob Scheel or Richard Fry, 12th Mission Support Group civil engineers, at 652-5662.

See AFMA on page 5

# AFA kicks off annual membership drive

The Alamo Chapter of the Air Force Association launched its annual membership drive this month.

The drive ends March 31 with the Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Award Banquet where AFA National President Bob Largent is presenting awards for outstanding contributions to the Air Force mission to San Antonio-based members.

The overall volunteer project officer for the membership drive and banquet is Lt. Col. John Blumentritt from Randolph Air Force Base. Major organizations within the San Antonio area such as the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph, 37th Training Wing at Lackland AFB, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service, and Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command units have volunteer AFA representatives within their organizations leading membership efforts.

According to officials, the AFA, a non-profit organization, is open to anyone who supports the Air Force.

“Everyone behind the Air Force in any capacity, Reserve or Guard, officers and enlisted, civilians and even patrons with no service with the U.S. Armed Forces are invited to join,” said Colonel Blumentritt.

Colonel Blumentritt said by joining the AFA, members become part of a group that “represents the entire Air Force family.”

“I volunteer with AFA because they maintain a strong voice for the Air Force in the corridors of power,” Colonel Blumentritt said. “AFA hears the needs of all Air Force people, takes positions on those needs and fights for them.”

Membership dues are \$36 for one year and \$90 for

three years, and cover national and local affiliation. As a bonus, AFA is offering half-price membership at \$18 to current enlisted senior airman and below and cadets in ROTC, Junior ROTC and the Civil Air Patrol.

Ralph Chalfant, the AFA representative to AFPC, noted that AFA members enjoy many varied benefits as well, including a subscription to Air Force Magazine, eligibility for several low-cost group insurance programs, resumé preparation and critique, an AFA Mastercard, car rental discounts, and numerous opportunities to work with all elements of the Air Force family and community leaders to solve problems and affect change.

For more information about joining the Alamo Chapter of the AFA or participating in the Joe Kellogg Blue Suit Award Banquet, call Colonel Blumentritt at 652-5844.

# Retiree activities office: Continuing tradition of service

By Bob Hieronymus  
Wingspread staff writer

When the Randolph Retiree Activities Office sends out its semi-annual newsletter, more than 30,000 families of retirees from Del Rio to the Louisiana state line are reconnected with their Air Force family, said retired Col. Jim Scarff, director of the base RAO.

The RAO, located in the basement of Pitsenbarger Hall, Bldg. 399, is an official staff agency of the 12th Flying Training Wing, although it is manned entirely by volunteers.

“We currently have 18 men and women volunteering here on the various shifts,” the colonel said, “but we are just one of many places where volunteers make a difference on the base. Our people are all retirees or dependents of retirees and represent ranks from master sergeant to colonel.”

The RAO is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. five days a week, providing a wide range of services to military retirees who call in or walk through the door. Already in 2005, the office filled requests for more than 700 base vehicle registration decals.

At this time of year, the office also receives many questions relating to filing income tax returns. Although the volunteers in the office do not prepare tax returns, they can refer people to the two places on base where help is available. The RAO helps by setting up appointments. According to office records, about 400 retirees were

referred for tax filing assistance in 2004.

Another service the RAO offers is mailing letters of condolence to retiree families at times of bereavement. Normally the casualty assistance office works with the families, but there have been cases when the families were not aware of their full entitlements. With their broad experience in other cases, the RAO staff may be able to help the families find information they may not even know exists. Last year the office sent out 370 of these letters.

The project that takes the most time and effort from the volunteers, Col. Scarff said, is Retiree Appreciation Day, which is Oct. 22 this year.

“About 800 people attend each year and 30 to 40 exhibitors participate. Coordinating all those people and the logistics for the day requires a full court press from our volunteers, but it’s worth it to help so many retirees stay in touch with the blue-suit world,” he said.

Among the many retirees using the Randolph RAO is John Riojas who works in the 12th Flying Training Wing legal office. Mr. Riojas said every time he has had occasion to go there, the volunteers in the office have been very helpful.

“They’ve been great,” he said. “My needs have been simple, but their attitude is always upbeat. I like that.”

“The support we get from the wing staff is absolutely superb,” Colonel Scarff added. “Without them, we couldn’t be here providing these services.”

For more information, call the RAO at 652-6880.

## RAO services

The Randolph Retiree Activities Office offers the following services:

- Issues and renews vehicle decals to military retirees and family members
- Schedules tax assistance for military retirees and family members
- Interviews, analyzes problems and refers retirees to the proper agency
- Supplies SF Form 180 for contacting the National Personnel Records Center
- Sponsors defensive driving courses
- Counsels military retirees on organizing personal affairs
- Publishes semi-annual newsletter
- Sponsors annual Retiree Appreciation Day
- Represents the wing command section for resolving military retiree complaints and problems

The retiree office does not provide the following services, but will refer retirees to the appropriate office:

- DEERS actions
- Legal matters
- Allotments
- Awards and decorations
- Survivor benefits

## General

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General Jumper then met with several AFPC members and spoke on key Air Force issues. Among these was the current active-duty end strength, which he mentioned continues to move much closer to the level required by public law. Along with this focus on balancing the books, the general said Airmen need to understand correct manning levels under the right parameter.

“We need to look at the combat capability of our career fields to ensure Airmen are ready to deploy as a part of an Air Expeditionary Force right now,” he said. “That metric is how we should all grade our performance in doing our jobs.”

The general again touched on balance as a key for force management, including getting Airmen the skills and professional military education needed to ensure the majority of the Air Force is

ready to deploy at any given time.

“Our nation pays us to deploy, go to war and win those wars. That’s why we have an Air Force, and that’s what we must focus on,” said General Jumper.

The general moved on to the need to maintain active leadership at the core of interaction with Airmen throughout the total force.

“Leadership is an analog skill in a digital world. There’s no such thing as leadership by e-mail. It must continue to center on face-to-face contact,” he said. “We must make sure these social skills, what I refer to as leadership skills, stay first and foremost in our minds and in our communications with the Airmen we lead.”

Touching on the war on terrorism and support of ground operations in Iraq, General Jumper expressed his admiration for the Airmen driving convoy trucks for the Army and for the continued air operations over that country.

“The confidence we see with our Airmen over there is absolutely remarkable,” he said. “All the attention lately centers on the

ground, but none of that happens without the continued high sortie rates being flown by Airmen over Iraq and over Afghanistan too.”

Speaking on force development issues, the general thanked AFPC for its part in this ongoing enhancement of the total force.

“You are working to ensure the Air Force has the right people out there with the right skills and that those people include the Guard and Reserves who will continue to be an important part of front-line missions along with the active-duty force,” said the general.

He closed his remarks by encouraging everyone, whether active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve or civilian to be very proud of their work here.

“There is nothing you could be doing with your lives that is more important than what you are doing today,” he said. “When people in Texas say, ‘Thanks for your service,’ they don’t know who you are or care about your rank. Those people see you as a symbol of our nation’s pride and strength.”

## AFMA

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critical analysis of 2,843 chief master sergeant positions and he helped create core criteria for an Air Force chief of staff-directed review of all chief positions.

Doug Hendrix, senior civilian category winner, made critical contributions to the Capability-Based Manpower Determinants process in 2004. He led an Air Force-level re-engineering effort by transforming Air Force Manpower Standards to CBMDs, which quantifies manpower by capability, total force and wartime needs. He developed a comprehensive step-by-step guide and approach to CBMD studies, and he piloted the effort to connect CBMD and Capabilities Review and Risk Assessment processes.

In 2004, Michael Schmitz, intermediate civilian category winner, played a vital role in restructuring the Air Force Effects Management Program, which the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff approved as the model to measure the Air Force’s overall mission performance.

AFMA’s junior civilian of the year, Tracy King, expertly manages the daily actions of the Competitive Sourcing Division. She revised the division’s method of tracking International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card (IMPAC) purchases to assist the auditing of those accounts.

Each winner now competes against other base agency winners March 3 in the Team Randolph Annual Awards competition.



# AF changes officer promotion boards

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials are making changes to what information will be kept in selection briefs for officers facing promotion boards this year.

Starting with active-duty promotion boards through the rank of colonel in 2005, all self-initiated academic education information, including bachelor’s degrees, will be removed from the officer selection brief, officer pre-selection brief and duty qualification history brief for line officers and the judge advocate general corps.

Academic education information for chaplains and health-profession officers will remain in applicable promotion documents.

The Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve will implement the same procedures beginning with boards

convening after Jan. 1, 2006.

Additionally, in a change that applies to all officers regardless of promotion category, a deployment history block displaying the last six deployments in excess of 45 days since Sept. 11, 2001, will replace the overseas duty history block.

The assignment history section will still reflect overseas duty and information on officers sent to Air Force-sponsored developmental education. Training reports from these assignments will remain filed in the officer selection record.

“We are an expeditionary Air Force and capturing deployment history is more relevant than a listing of overseas assignments,” said Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff for personnel. “Currently, deployment history is not readily captured on promotion documents. By highlighting this information to board members, they will not need to hunt through (officer promotion reports) or decorations to find it, he said.

The changes only affect promotion documents. Academic education will remain on other developmental team documents, such as assignment reports. Air Force policy prohibits senior raters from using these documents when preparing promotion recommendation forms.

“By changing the culture from one of ‘forced’ education for promotion to personal development, the officer and the Air Force will reap greater benefits,” General Brady said. “As force development continues to evolve, we will incorporate additional initiatives to ensure every officer receives the education and training that best suits that person and Air Force needs.

“The Air Force wants its officers to focus on job performance – people will be sent to obtain advanced degrees when they are required to do the job. This should relieve the pressure officers feel to obtain advanced degrees solely for the purpose of promotion,” General Brady said.

## Air Force chaplain explains suicide prevention efforts

By 2nd Lt. Jon Quinlan  
314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. – The Air Force’s top chaplain explained what the Air Force Chaplain Service is doing to help prevent suicides during a recent visit.

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, Air Force Chaplain Service chief, advises the Air Force chief of staff on all matters pertaining to the religious and moral welfare of Airmen.

“What our Airmen do is important and we must honor them by acknowledging and affirming that they are making a difference in the world,” Chaplain Baldwin said in an interview Jan. 28 following a National Prayer Breakfast. “There is no job that is insignificant.”

The chaplain service is made up of faith-based counselors that listen, help and refer Airmen to other organizations if necessary, he said.

“We just want people to know that we care about them and we want to listen no matter what your faith, or if you have no faith background,” Chaplain Baldwin said.

To ensure Airmen are getting that message, the chaplain service launched a Campaign of Hope in January. One campaign initiative has chaplains

visiting Airmen wherever they may be.

“We have asked our chaplains to be present on the flightline (and) in the maintenance hangar, and go where the Airmen are and work,” Chaplain Baldwin said. “We call it honoring Airmen.”

Little Rock’s chaplains are using Operation Visible Presence, which kicked off in October, to meet the Campaign of Hope initiative.

“It’s all about being out there, seeing how the folks are doing and letting them know who you are,” said Little Rock Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Barker. “Commanders appreciate it, and sometimes you learn things about the organizations that you would not have had an opportunity to learn otherwise.”

Another campaign initiative being used are shows made up of volunteer singers and speakers who will send out positive messages of hope, Chaplain Baldwin said. There will also be a grant program available to support base chapels in funding hope-based programs such as weekend retreats for families.

“It’s so sad when anyone would get to the point when they think suicide is the answer,” Chaplain Baldwin said. “We just need to get them help before they get to that point.”

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)



## Officials announce Air Force budget proposal

By Tech. Sgt. David Jablonski  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force piece of the 2006 defense budget is designed to make the joint team better, officials said.

Announced Monday, the budget grows from \$96 billion that Congress enacted for fiscal 2005, to \$102.9 billion in 2006, a senior Air Force budget official said. After covering the growing costs of inflation and fuel costs, there is real growth of about \$4 billion.

About \$34.7 billion, or 34 percent, of the proposed \$102.9 billion funding is dedicated to people. This growth covers the costs of a 3.1 percent military pay raise and 2.3 percent increase for the civilian force.

Readiness programs account for \$29.9 billion, or 29 percent, of the proposed Air Force funding. This does not include the operations funding for the war on terror, which is

funded separately in a supplemental request to Congress. Rather, it supports training and day-to-day operations, and includes increases for higher costs, especially in fuel, and additional dollars for key missions supporting the warfighter.

Modernization funding, \$35.1 billion or 34 percent of the total, does not increase significantly, but there are a number of specific programs that grow, especially programs designed to provide new capabilities in space.

Military construction makes up the remaining \$32 billion or 3 percent of the Air Force total, and grows modestly to cover upgrades to additional family housing units.

“We are at war today and the Air Force, as part of the joint warfighting team, is doing its part both operationally and through this budget to support this crucial national priority,” the official said.

“The 2006 budget ensures the Air Force can execute the core missions of persistent (command, control, commu-

nications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), global mobility, and rapid strike, providing the Air Force the ability to help win the global war on terror and to strengthen and transform joint warfighting capabilities while minimizing the risk to our nation,” the official said.

The overall Department of Defense budget request reflects a change from more conventional warfighting systems such as aircraft and ships, to people and weapons tailored to fighting insurgency.

President George Bush delivered his defense budget request for \$419.3 billion to Congress on Monday. Funding for operations such as Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom is not included in the request, and they are funded in a separate supplemental budget.

The detailed Air Force budget is available at [www.dod.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2006/index.html](http://www.dod.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2006/index.html).



Airmen train at Camp Bullis in the combat-type skills they will need during convoy operations in Iraq. (Photo by Robbin Cresswell)

# Air Force provides convoy security

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

CAMP BULLIS, Texas – When Master Sgt. William Chapman joined the Air Force transportation field 20 years ago, he never dreamed he’d use his skills far beyond the flight line or base cantonment area.

Recently returned from Iraq, Chapman is teaching his fellow Airmen critical skills they’ll need to conduct convoy security missions there.

It’s a nontraditional mission the Air Force hasn’t carried out since Vietnam but took on again early in 2004 to help ease the burden on the Army and Marine Corps, explained Master Sgt. Phil Coolberth, who helped establish the Air Force’s new Basic Combat Convoy Course, outside San Antonio.

Today, the Air Force is a full partner with the Army and Marine Corps as it runs convoys throughout Iraq in support of military operations there, with more than 1,000 transporters, special police and medical and personnel specialists trained to help provide security, explained 1st Lt. Leo Martin, course commander.

To ensure Airmen are prepared, the Basic Combat Convoy Course, or BC3 for short, packs into just four weeks the combat skills Airmen will need to stay alive as they carry out the mission: weapons, tactics, maneuver and small-unit leadership skills, among them.

That’s no small task, considering the limited ground combat training most Airmen receive. Airmen typically receive just one week of field experience during basic training and fire their weapons only once every two years. “Unless your specialty is security forces or special operations, our knowledge of field skills is pretty limited,” Lieutenant Martin said.

While acknowledging that the training represents a real “cultural switch,” Sergeant Coolberth said Airmen’s lack of field combat skills when they enter the training isn’t all bad. They come to the course without ingrained bad habits and are open to the course material as they undergo training specifically geared to the convoy mission, he noted.

“We’re building the perfect set of skills for this exact mission,” Sergeant Coolberth said.

He was among the first Airmen who deployed to Southwest Asia to conduct convoy security. He received a patchwork of training stateside and at Camp Virginia, Kuwait, before moving into Iraq.

Sergeant Coolberth said he and his colleagues, backed up by senior Air Force leaders, quickly recognized the need for a comprehensive, standardized training program geared specifically for the mission in Iraq.

He sketched out the basic training plan on a restaurant napkin, then worked with members of the 342nd Training

## Plan reduces risk for truck drivers in Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Recently 250 additional U.S. truck drivers per week were removed from the dangerous roads of Iraq because of expanded air operations that deliver cargo directly from the United States to airfields in Iraq. This, combined with existing air operations, now removes about 1,280 convoy drivers per week from Iraqi roads.

Army Brig. Gen. Mark Scheid, who is in charge of U.S. Central Command’s Distribution and Deployment Operations Center, has been working hard to get more truck drivers off Iraqi roads and to get convoys off the roads where the risk is the highest.

“Ninety-one percent of all U.S. casualties occur in an area called the Sunni Triangle, so that is the area all logisticians were directed to turn their focus to reduce driver casualties,” General Scheid said.

“Many cargo operations were flying into airfields that

were located in the most dangerous areas of Iraq,” he said. “Truck convoys would then drive outward from these airfields across the most dangerous highways in the world in order to deliver supplies to the military forces. There had to be a smarter way to get supplies to our forces.”

Air Force officials increased the number of aircraft available to mitigate convoy operations, but, until now, the focus was not in the areas where truck drivers were facing their greatest threat.

Today, strategic airlift delivers cargo directly to several airfields capable of handling the large aircraft, officials said. A hub-and-spoke system has been established to ferry cargo to smaller airstrips where C-130 Hercules aircraft can land, but more importantly, to locations where the largest concentration of military forces are assigned.

Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, to create a full-blown course to prepare Airmen for the threats they are likely to encounter.

Students qualify on M-4 assault rifles and M-249 machine guns and learn to shoot long distances at night, learn the rules of engagement and laws of armed conflict, and train in land navigation and tactical communications. They practice convoy maneuvers, learning how to react if their vehicle

comes under fire, hits a roadside bomb or breaks down, and how to protect themselves if they’re forced to abandon their vehicle. One-quarter of the students receive basic combat lifesaving training so they can come to the aid of their fellow troops if needed.

Then the Airmen go to the field for a four-day tactical

exercise that puts their new knowledge to the test under realistic conditions.

“We train them on the basic skills sets so when they get into a situation, they can make split-second decisions and make them right,” Sergeant Coolberth said. “We instill confidence in them and make sure they’re mission ready.”

“Our emphasis is on small-unit leadership,” said Staff Sgt. Walter Voltz, the student first sergeant who earned a Bronze Star while conducting a convoy mission in Iraq. “This is an exercise in teaching these young kids how to make sound decisions using a model that’s tried and true.”

After completing the training at Camp Bullis, the BC3 students head to Fort Hood, Texas, to validate their skills, then deploy to Southwest Asia “within days,” Sergeant Coolberth said. This ensures “very motivated students,” he said. “We don’t have any trouble keeping them awake in the

classroom.”

Airman 1st Class Todd Martin, who’s more accustomed to driving tractor trailers and forklifts around Kadena Air Base, Japan, than in providing convoy security in a combat zone, said the training he and his fellow Airmen are receiving here “is preparing us for everything that could come our way.”

Now in his final week of training here, Airman Martin said the BC3 course is giving him “a lot more confidence” for the mission he will soon carry out in Iraq. “We’re learning a lot here,” he said. “They’re teaching us as much as they can, and most of the instructors have been there. That’s as good as it can get.”

To keep the training up-to-date, Sergeant Coolberth said, the staff constantly taps into the latest intelligence from Iraq and incorporates that information into their program. “Our exercises mirror scenarios on the ground,” he said. “We’re constantly changing the curriculum to match the intelligence. Intelligence drives the operations, and operations drive the training.”

Of all the information presented to the Airmen before they deploy to Iraq, the cadre agreed that the most important lessons are in focusing on the mission, paying attention to detail, and being flexible to the situation at hand.

Sergeant Voltz calls the BC3 program a major step forward in the Air Force’s ability to work jointly with its sister services and to prepare its people as they take on new, nontraditional missions.

“This is a proven course that saves people’s lives,” Sergeant Voltz said. “We try to put these guys in the right frame of mind so they can focus on the mission and survive the rigors of combat.”

The BC3 course will soon be conducted at a new training facility under construction at Camp Bullis. It will be named Camp Anderson-Peters, in memory of two Airmen killed in Bayji, Iraq, while conducting convoy security missions: Airman Carl Anderson and Staff Sgt. Dustin Peters.

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Student First Sergeant**



# Sturdy locks, safety measures ensure secure home

## Combating burglaries requires close attention to details

By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Most burglars spend no more than 60 seconds trying to break into a home, according to the National Crime Prevention Council Web site.

Good locks and helpful neighbors can be key when it comes to deterring burglars. In almost half of all successful residential burglaries, the burglars either climbed through an unlocked window or walked through an unlocked door, council officials said.

To help combat burglary, the NCPC Web site suggests for people to install a sturdy dead-bolt lock on every external door for protection. Key locks are not enough, officials emphasized.

NCPC officials also suggest that homeowners with sliding glass doors should put a commercial lock, a broomstick or pin in the inside track to jam the door.

Instead of hiding keys around the outside of the house, owners should give an extra key to a trusted neighbor. When moving into a new house or apartment, re-key the locks.

Homeowners can also combat burglars by making sure all outside doors are metal or solid wood. Peepholes are a good way to see who is outside without opening the door.

Base security officials also encourage base residents to pay close attention to these suggestions.

“Often base residents feel a sense of security while living on the installation and become at ease when it comes to home security,” said Robert Vickers, 12th Security Forces Squadron. “Residents need to keep in mind that although we live in an almost crime free environment, there is a possibility you can become a victim.”

The NCPC Web site suggests when checking one’s home for security, residents should look at the outside as well as the inside. Keep bright lights on at night, and keep the yard clean of shrubs that can hide windows or doors.

If traveling away from home, Mr. Vickers suggests using a timer to turn lights on and off, this gives the illusion that someone is home. Local law enforcement usually provides home security surveys. He also warns homeowners to never leave a message on the answering machine saying that no one is home, instead say, no one is available.

It is also suggested that residents have their newspapers and mail stopped or picked up by a trustworthy neighbor. Also, vacationing residents should ask a neighbor to sweep leaves and debris off the front porch or walkway, another possible sign that no one is home, said Mr. Vickers.

“Most times theft is a crime of opportunity so you as the resident should ensure your valuables are secure,” said Mr. Vickers. “If you see something out of the ordinary, call us immediately.”

For more information, visit [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org), or call security forces at 652-5509.



When moving into a new house or apartment, 12th Security Forces Squadron officials recommend re-keying the locks. (Photo by 1st Lt. LaShonda Bush)

# FCC provides licensed childcare on, off base



By Jennifer Valentin  
Wingspread staff writer

Quality child care is a priority for working parents, and with that in mind, family child care homes provide quality care and flexibility for parents working and living on Randolph.

Military family members who reside in base housing or who have become affiliated off base providers, may operate family child care homes, according to FCC officials.

Some family child care homes open as early as 6:30 a.m. and some don’t close until after 6 p.m. Other homes offer overnight and weekend care, offering an option for parents who have unusual work schedules.

Military family members who operate family child care homes are licensed by the 12th Mission Support Group commander.

“The high quality of child care starts with the licensing standards that exceed those of the state of Texas,” said Essie Howard, FCC coordinator. “Monthly inspections from the family child care staff ensures the provider is focused on the welfare and needs of the children.”

Providers are trained in health, safety, CPR, first aid and child development, said Ms. Howard. Providers may accept up to six children with no more than two children under two years of age.

“Serving a small number of children and their families provides a benefit,” said Ms. Howard. “It offers the children a head start in achieving good personal relationships. The homes are comfortable environments where children play, eat, sleep and interact with each other.”

Learning is a natural part of a child’s day, added Ms. Howard. Writing grocery lists, setting the table, helping prepare meals are opportunities to read, write, and count. These skills will help them in future education.

Air Force Instruction 34-276 prohibits the use of family quarters for child care unless licensed by the 12th MSG commander. Individuals providing unlicensed care for 10 hours or more per week risk losing base housing privileges.

The next family child care training class is from March 7-11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

To sign up for the training class or to obtain a current list of licensed family child care providers or affiliated providers off base, call 652-3668.

## And they were swingin’



Gerry Wallace (right) teaches country line dancing steps Monday at the base fitness center. There are three more sessions Monday, Feb. 22 and 28 at 7 p.m. at the fitness center. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 652-4311. (Photo by Joel Martinez)



# Second-half MSS run packs up JPPSO



Angelo Mitchell (pictured above left), 12th MSS, hustles to steal the ball from Ernest Wilson, JPPSO, during a Feb. 3 intramural basketball game. (Right) Azell Rose, 12th MSS, soars above Ralph Bell, JPPSO, to defend the ball. (Photos by Joel Martinez)

By Jeff Palombo  
Wingspread contributor

It was a tale of two halves. The first half belonged to the hot-shooting Joint Personal Property Shipping Office that dictated the pace with a barrage of three-pointers including two each from Chris Barta and Ralph Bell.

The 12th Mission Support Squadron turned the tables after the break and, behind a 15-0 second-half run, got the win with a final score of 45-32 during a game Feb. 3 at the fitness center.

MSS managed to stay in the game against the first-half JPPSO attack with excellent free throw shooting. The team went 11 for 13 led by Adam Fortunado's 5-for-5 performance. However, it was clear they had a fight on their hands.

Ernest Winston's seven first-half points helped give JPPSO a 25-21 lead at the break, causing those in attendance to wonder if they were witnessing a chink in 12th MSS's heretofore impregnable armor.

As stated earlier, it was a tale of two halves and, apparently, no one told JPPSO that in order to pull off this remarkable upset, they needed to play both to get their first win and knock off the 3-1 MSS team.

The second half for JPPSO would have been more competitive if they were playing horseshoes or hand grenades. The shots were just not falling. It's almost as if each JPPSO player walked under a ladder on his way to the water fountain during halftime.

Meanwhile, the opportunistic MSS took full advantage. Angelo Mitchell and Nathan Bitting scored 12 and 11, respectively, in the contest spurring the overwhelming 15-0 run that JPPSO would not recover from. Getting in on the action for MSS was Mark Porondra who added 11 points of his own.

And it wasn't just the offense. MSS put the clamps on JPPSO in the second half, holding them to just 7 points. Bitting actually outscored them himself, finishing with 8 second-half points.





## Intramural Bowling Standings

As of Jan. 31		
Team	W	L
AFSAT	107	45
SVS #1	104	48
AFPC	98	54
JPPSO	90	62
AETC/LG	89	63
AFPOA	86	66
AFMA	82	70
DFAS	82	70
AETC/SC	78	74
AFSVA	76	76
MED GP	76	76
SFS	75	77
RS	74	78
LRS	74	78
AETC 900	72	80
AETC/FM	71	81
SVS TOO	70	82
CPTS	70	82
CS	70	82
AFPC/ESC	60	92
AETC/DP	59	93
AMO #1	59	93
AMO TOO	56	96
340 FTG	40	112

### TEAM SCRATCH SERIES

Team	Score
AFPC	2825
SVS TOO	2756
AFPOA	2569

### TEAM HANDICAP SERIES

Team	Score
AETC/LG	3466
LRS	3348
AFSAT	3276

### TEAM SCRATCH GAME

Team	Score
JPPSO	981
AFMA	907
AETC 900	866

### TEAM HANDICAP GAME

Team	Score
SVS	1183
AETC/SC	1140
MED GP	1136

### SCRATCH SERIES

Men	Score
Andy Anderson Jr.	654
BFI Morgan	647
Bob Pope	633
Women	Score
Heather Hellmann	564
Lori Trainor	559
Yolanda Strong	419

### SCRATCH GAME

Men	Score
Barney Frampton	258
Tim Coble	243
Darren Briggs	236
Women	Score
Judy Smith	197
Wanda Gailan	189
Zee Hoggard	157

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### BCAA golf tournament

The Black Cultural Awareness Association is holding a golf tournament Feb. 18 at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course. Registration is at noon.

The cost is \$22 for members and \$30 for non-members.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Latonia Brown at 652-2457.

### Basketball tournament

Join the fitness center for the African American Heritage Basketball Tournament starting today at 6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday at 9 a.m.

For more information, call 652-5316.

### Sweetheart run

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Randolph Fitness Center staff at Eberle Park Monday at 7 a.m. by participating in the 5k fun run/walk. All Department of Defense ID cardholders are welcome.

For more information, call the fitness center at 652-5316.

### Golf lessons

Call 652-4653 to make a personal appointment with swing doctors Brian Cannon and Charles Bishop.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS

### INTRAMURAL W L

AFPC	4	0
AETC CSS	4	0
12 MSS	4	1
12 SFS	3	1
12 OSS	1	4
562	1	4
12 LRS	1	2
12 CES	0	3
JPPSO	0	3

### EXTRAMURAL

AFPC 1	3	0
12 LRS	2	0
AETC/DP	2	0
AFPC 2	2	1
AFRS	1	1
19 AF	1	2
12 FTW	0	2
AFSVA	0	2
AETC CSS	0	3





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## 2005 NASCAR Club Program

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The Randolph enlisted club is hosting the second annual National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing club member appreciation program.

The club member appreciation program runs Feb. 20 through July 25. Club members can participate in the “Start Your Engines” event for a chance to win cash and prizes while watching the Daytona 500 Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. in the enlisted club.

“Club members will receive an entry form at the start of each NASCAR event and for every \$4 food purchase,” said Marilyn Gove, enlisted club manager. “Each week there is a drawing for \$100 and \$50 gift certificates for NASCAR merchandise as well as prizes from the club. All entry forms will be retained for the grand prize drawing.”

The grand prize is a trip for two to the NASCAR race in Phoenix, Ariz. The prize includes air travel, hotel, rental car and tickets to the event, said Shannon Donlea, NASCAR program manager. The second place prize is \$500 and third place is \$250 to purchase merchandise from the NASCAR Web site.

According to club officials, the event was such a success last year it prompted promoters to sponsor it again and they are expecting an even greater turnout.

“This event is another great program for our club members,” said Terry Heagerty, 12th Services Director. “Club membership has always been the cornerstone of club operations, and this is our way of showing our customers how much we appreciate their support.”

For more information about club membership or the NASCAR events, call the enlisted club at 652-3056.

